

### Atomic Nosed Nike Missiles Due in Summer

Atomic capable Nike Hercules Air Defense missiles will replace some of the Nike Ajax missiles in the Los Angeles area beginning the summer of 1961, it was announced this week by Brigadier General John T. Honeycutt, Commanding General, 47th Artillery Brigade.

The conversion from Ajax to Hercules is part of a continuing program by the United States Army to provide a more modern and effective air defense to vital areas in the United States. The first conversion to Nike Hercules in the Los Angeles area took place in 1953.

General Honeycutt said that converting Nike Ajax sites at Brea, Newhall, Van Nuys and White's Point (San Pedro) to accommodate the deadly defensive Nike Hercules would permit the deactivation of the Ajax sites at El Monte, Mount Disappointment and Magic Mountain with a net gain in combat power while effecting significant economies.

HERCULES, the first surface-to-air missile with an atomic capability, has three times the range and more than twice the altitude capability of the Ajax, which itself is a formidable weapon. It is possible to provide the same level of defense using fewer Hercules than Ajax batteries.

The Nike Ajax, first guided missile used by the Army, is still capable of knocking down any aircraft or air breathing missile in existence or known to be in development. Its record for kills against targets is extremely high and it is regarded as one of the most reliable weapons ever developed for Air Defense.

CALIFORNIA National Guard units now manning Nike Ajax sites are not affected by the announcement. The conversion of Nike Ajax units to Nike Hercules is taking place in 17 other important areas of the United States. Other areas affected are Boston - Providence, Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Fairchild Air Force Base at Spokane, Seattle, Hartford-Bridgeport, Loring Air Force Base in Maine, Milwaukee, New York, Niagara-Buffalo, Norfolk, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, San Francisco, Washington - Baltimore, and Travis Air Force Base in California. As the additional conversions to Nike Hercules are made in these areas a total of 68 Nike Ajax sites will be phased out of existence.

Inactivation of the Ajax sites will take place in an orderly manner and will follow a staggered schedule which will extend the program over several months.

### Lesson-Sermon Sunday About Christmas Epic

Proclaiming that the same light of hope and joy which guided the shepherds of old to the Christ child is again leading to the Christ, Truth, which saves and heals, the Lesson-Sermon entitled "Christian Science" will be heard Sunday in all Churches of Christ, Scientist.

The Christmas story to be read from Matthew's Gospel will include the following: "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the King, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem, Saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him. . . . When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy."

In "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" Mary Baker Eddy writes, "Led by a solitary star amid the darkness, the Magi of old foretold the Messiahship of Truth. Is the wise man of to-day believed, when he beholds the light which heralds Christ's eternal dawn and describes its effulgence?"

The Golden Text keynotes the sermon in Peter's words, "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light!"

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